



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT
APRIL 4, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia, Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan, Common Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood

Absent:

Deputy Mayor Robert P. Santangelo

1. Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 p.m.

A. (Pledge of Allegiance)

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomes everyone. He leads the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. (Council Clerk Reads the Call of the Meeting and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting.)

The Chair declares the call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

2. Accept/Amend the Agenda.

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval amending the Agenda to add 10P to amend the personnel rules and remove agenda item 10B since it hasn't gone to the General Counsel Commission. Councilman Gerald E. Daley seconds the motion.

Councilwoman Bartolotta asks the agenda not be amended to include the Personnel Rules because it has not gone through General Counsel Committee. The Chair states a motion to . . . Councilwoman Bartolotta states to not amend the agenda to include the Personnel Rules. The Chair responds you will have to vote against the motion on the floor. Councilwoman Bartolotta states she would like the Council to know that it was supposed to go through General Counsel and it did not.

The Chair states we will listen to the Corporation Counsel for the parliamentary question. Corporation Counsel Ryan states to amend the agenda, it takes a vote of nine members and the easiest procedural way to do it is to vote against it. Councilman Giuliano has a question to Corporation Counsel; to remove it we don't need to have nine votes; we can simply not move and second it because there is a second part of the motion to amend. Corporation Counsel states the two items 10P and 10B should be bifurcated.

Motion to Divide the Question

Councilman Giuliano moves to divide the question; Councilman Pessina seconds the motion. The vote is called and it is unanimous with ten aye votes (Council Members Santangelo and Faulkner are absent). The Chair states we have now divided the question. Corporation Counsel Ryan states a new motion on both is needed; 10P is the first one.

Motion to Add Agenda Item 10P

Councilman Serra moves 10P be added to the agenda; Councilman Daley seconds the motion. He points out that the rules require things to come on the agenda after being considered by a committee of the Council and it was discussed at the Finance and Government Operations Committee; it does address amending the personnel rules and it is usually under the purview of the General Counsel Committee. However, that is because the Personnel Rules are the vehicle for making changes relative to the salary and benefits for the exempt employees; they have been without modifications and compensation for a number of years and have been adversely affected relative to all other employee classifications in the City and he would not be in favor of a delay and does not see any substantive benefit by delaying it to go through the General Counsel commission. He would like it added tonight for fairness to the directors for action that has been pending for time. Councilwoman Bartolotta states the rules have been in effect since 2012 but to the point of the Finance Committee, it addresses finances and not the language as a whole; it was not discussed at finance. The question, for example, for life for insurance was addressed at finance and I was told it was not in the Personnel

Rules and it is. That's the reason it goes to General Counsel, but also it says on page 48 that it needs to be heard by General Counsel and in a separate section, Page 35 and 48 is the subcommittee to the Counsel when changes to this section are made, the General Counsel Committee would address it; it needs to go through there. The Chair states we have a motion on the floor and several members have discussed the providence as to which committee it belongs to; he calls for the vote to add 10P to the agenda. Councilwoman Bartolotta states Councilman Daley got to speak and she wishes to as well; the chair responds, you did speak. Councilwoman Bartolotta states he was allowed to embellish. The Chair states we will keep this nice. Everyone had the opportunity to speak before he called the vote. He calls for the vote and it is eight aye votes by Council Members Nocera, Serra, Daley, Chisem, Blanchard, Giuliano, Pessina, and Kleckowski; two nay votes by Council Members Bartolotta and Salafia; and two absent members Santangelo and Faulkner. The chair calls for the vote. It is 8 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski; 2 nay votes by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilwoman Linda Salafia and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo and Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. The Chair states the matter carried with 8 affirmative votes, 2 in opposition and 2 absent.

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3. Presentations

A. Mayor's Budget Address

The Mayor reads his budget address to the Council and members of the public.

4. Mayor requests motion to approve minutes of:

The minutes having been deposited with the Mayor and Corporation Counsel and copies of the same having been served on each and every Council member, the reading of the same having been dispensed with, the Chair requests a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Philip J. Pessina moves for approval the minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council on March 7, 2016 at 6 p.m. and the special meeting of the Common Council March 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. Councilwoman

Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 2 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr.. The Chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 2 absent.

5. Public Hearing opens on Agenda items.

The chair opens the public hearing on agenda items at 7:26 p.m. and states any member of the public may come forward and address any agenda item and to keep comments to within 5 minutes. Ed McKeon is a citizen and member of the Board of Education Budget Committee; he urges the Council to provide full funding to Middletown Schools and the less than one percent increase is woefully inadequate. The Board will have to make cuts that are detrimental to educating Middletown students. For eight years he has watched the system be denied full funding and educational programs have been cut and more than 20 teaching positions have been eliminated in that time. We are giving them less and less and he elaborates. A budget of less than one percent means teacher layoffs and less activities. The Mayor stated the local economy is strong but still recommends cutting the proposed budget. The Mayor cites lower enrollments as the reason to cut the school budget. The population is incrementally declining. He gives the projections from 2013 - 2017. Unfortunately with a decline and budget cuts from previous years, they can't consider redistricting or closing a school.

Steven Devoto speaks to two items, 10G, tax abatement and 10O the Parks Commission appointments. He discusses the housing built on Ward Street and he is a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He agreed with multihousing units in the area and it is now a finished building and now you are asked to provide a subsidy for a building and in the fiscal analysis was given for an empty vacant lot and now one that has been developed. It is not an empty lot but one with a building and asks that a fiscal analysis not be done when a building is there. There are difficult decisions on the budget and you are voting on a building that exists and you make the difficult decision to provide revenue for the City. On item 10O on the Parks committee and delegation of the Public Works and Facilities as the parks committee and he ask that you get max diversity on the commissions, age, users, members of the environmental community and the Public Works commission doesn't represent the parks users. Richard Greco speaks in favor of the Cruise Night on Main Street and Motorcycle Mania. The events are major economic generator for downtown Middletown. Proceeds support youth programs in Middletown including employment program Hal Kaplan Mentor Program and Recreation Department in Middletown. He hopes the Council supports this.

Carl Erlacher, Director of Finance speaks in favor of the personnel amendment and asks for their support. Chief of Police William McKenna thanks the bipartisan committee for their time and special thanks to Carl, Tina and Faith who worked hard on our side. We are always asked to do more with less as directors and thank you for considering the amendment.

Maureen Dale speaks as a parent and asks the Council to reconsider the budget for education. She discusses the education and activities her sons have been involved with. She discusses Lacrosse in the schools and the importance of sports in the high school. She specifically would like to have the Lacrosse program in the budget. She asks the Council to reconsider the budget increase for education.

Connor Dale Middletown High School student and will attend Tufts in the fall and talks to a 0 percent increase budget and asks the Council to reconsider this. They ran around to recruit players and they are vying for equipment and monetary grants. They were soccer players and played Lacrosse. It existed from a grant from US Lacrosse. Vinal got its own program and discusses how they had to work to raise money for this sport at the school.

Brian Castle, Brooks Road had no intention to speak and found out about it this morning. He heard about hard choices for future prosperity. Less than one percent increase for the Board of Education is a cop out and not what we need and won't support our children. We need to make the hard choice to give to the Board and take from somewhere else. We don't need the riverfront and don't need downtown revitalization; we need to support the Board of Education. The Board consists of conservative, strong opinionated people. They are to the point that if it goes lower it will affect the families, teachers, and students. Here is a hard choice. Giving them more money is a hard choice; he is calling out each one of you, who vote for them to tell them what you really feel. If you believe that the Board needs more money, stand up and say so. Say what you believe; that is hard to do and let the voters hear it and let them make a decision in four years. Fully fund the Board and you won't hear from me. Garan Getty resident 21 years and has 3 in the school system. He is here because of the budget for athletics. They remained because they love it here. They look at academics and our kids thrive; they look at arts and the athletics. That is his main focus to make sure the athletic side continues to develop. The one sport he is focused on is lacrosse. All of his kids play lacrosse. If they are not funded, that would be detrimental for the program. Janice Pollock, resident and she is here to support the superintendent's budget; they have been cutting positions and there has been an increase in class size; the enrollment has been decreasing and that has been addressed with cutting teachers. The projections for enrollment do not warrant such a cut in the budget. She discusses the building of Woodrow Wilson and the fact that funding come out of the budget to meet the problems

during the year with it. They have to educate every child and do that beyond 18. We have to find a place for them. We are seeing more children coming to school with housing issues and mental health issues.

Chris Darby, teacher Middletown and speaking as VP of Federation of Teachers states he understands what it means to adopt the budget as he sits on the Board in Portland. He speaks in support of the Superintendent's budget a 2.2% increase and the less than 1% is a cut to the budget. He understands the budget in Middletown is 4 or 5 times bigger. It is exciting the bond rating is great; however not sure our schools are in a comparable situation. He had the opportunity to do some homework. He did some research and our Board of Ed budget represents 51.4% and searched comparable communities and budget and we are significantly lower by size and demographics. Finally, the only way to continue to have quality schools is to continue to fund them on the levels required.

Steve Smith, College Street goes back to comments made by Mr. Devoto. He saw the tax abatement for the development and looked at the numbers for over 4 years. He was just wondering if we are doing so well why you have to give multimillionaires a tax break and why we are only giving less than one percent to the schools. Mayor you mentioned the contracted services, but the cooperation between the food manager and Sodexo has increased including the quality of the meals and free breakfast at Macdonough. Another contracted service provided is maintenance and recently a new contracted director took over and the fire marshal extolled the new director because there were numerous fire violations in the schools for over ten years and within weeks they were resolved. I feel you are throwing out the line item as though we can just cross it off; there is a cost for ourselves to do this.

John Bysiewicz speaks to the Citizens 5K and speaks in support of it. Over 15 years, this has brought over 1,000 people to Middletown and they have given over \$100,000 to charities, Middletown based. The kids get free entry to this event.

Anthony Fazzino is the booster club president; they support the super's budget. This year, it is a reality. Other teams will be cut because there is no money in athletics. He has been told this over the past several years. You have to fund the Board.

Vincent Loffredo states he is the Board of Education chair; thanks everyone who came out to start the budget process. There are many more nights to come. We are in serious trouble. He understands where the Mayor is coming from. If you do not address the needs that have been brought forward there will be significant cuts; 17 layoffs. Notices went out today. They are non-tenured teachers. That will not go down well and will have a significant impact. On your agenda, one of the items is the issue of the tax cap matter. You have an ORL report and when it goes into effect. That is an aspect that never had a public hearing regarding this. That is irresponsible and I would urge you that you communicate with them and have them remove it. We should reach out and that item be taken away; it was never vetted out. Thanks everyone who came who supported the superintendent's budget. He addresses Item M; that is what the committee needs to do; you approved to spend millions to improve the athletic facilities. We are looking at the possibility at Hunting Hill Avenue and they would build a 6, 7 8 complex. He endorses what the committee is doing and seeking additional monies and the projects will need evaluation.

Ms Clark, Santangelo Circle and has a student at MHS; she discusses the budget cuts and the athletic department cuts. Athletics plays a vital part of her schooling. It creates a foundation to teach her to be a graceful winner and an honorable loser. They learn to respect authority and to stay out of trouble. It is a great character builder. It improves socialization. Having this athletic department fully funded helps the whole community at large. I hope you think about parents like me with teenage children when you propose to cut the budget.

6. Public Hearing Closes.

The Chair, seeing no further members of the public wishing to address the Council, closes the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Point of Information

Councilman Serra is recognized and states I believe the vote we took earlier is possibly improper and in order to get something on the agenda you need nine votes, a super majority and it is nine votes. He asks Corporation Counsel to explain that and he would like to make a motion to reconsider and if it is proper. Corporation Counsel Ryan states I did recheck what was needed to pass to put the proposed resolution 10P on the agenda, it does require a supermajority of nine votes and it received 8 votes and you can remedy that by a motion of Robert's Rules which is a motion to reconsider and has to be brought at the same meeting and made by a member of the prevailing side of the previous motion. It doesn't say the second should be, but he recommends that it should be. Ten P was not properly made to add it to the agenda.

Councilman Serra moves to add 10P to the agenda if he can; he is seconded by Councilman Daley. Councilman Pessina states being we only have 11 members, would it still be nine. Corporation Counsel responds yes; it needs nine. Chair states it is a super majority of the body and not who is present. Councilman Giuliano would also like to speak to the point of order, under the rules, if the motion has to be made by the prevailing side, what was the prevailing side; if it didn't garner nine votes, it failed. That would mean the prevailing side would mean those who voted against amending

the agenda. That is what happened. Corporation Counsel Ryan states the import of Robert's Rules is that a member of the prevailing side is a member who voted to add the resolution; it would not make sense to have an opponent. . . Councilman Giuliano responds that is exactly what it means. The chair states he appreciates the merits of the argument, but Corporation Counsel has made a ruling and absent the mandamus of a judge of the superior court, the ruling of the Corporation Counsel will stand tonight. Councilwoman Salafia states you are letting the motion stand or would you like me to make a new motion since I was on the other side to make the original reconsider. Corporation Counsel states it should be a member who voted for it.

Meeting Recesses

The chair states he will ask for a recess so there is no ambiguity. Councilwoman Kleckowski moves for a recess and is seconded by Councilman Giuliano. The vote is unanimous and the chair calls the recess at 8:15.


Meeting Reconvenes

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 8:27 pm. Corporation Counsel states I believe Councilwoman Salafia offered to co-motion the motion to reconsider to add or not add to the agenda. The Chair calls for discussion. Councilwoman Bartolotta by not putting it on the agenda, you are not voting against this but what you are saying is you are sending it to General Counsel to review and clean up the language. It should be going through General Counsel as it states and should not be skipping committees. Many of you in the past have brought forward that we should not be skipping committees. The chair states that point would be fine for the actual motion to the item on the agenda. Corporation Counsel states this motion to reconsider is to add the item to the agenda which requires nine affirmative votes; any arguments on 10P should be reserved for the vote. Councilwoman Salafia states she likes that she has a chance to change her vote and add it to the agenda; she was part of the negotiations or part of the discussions in the first place and is in favor of what is in there. Some of the language you are saying needs to be cleaned up, she is not sure of that. Chair states this vote is just to add it to the agenda and if you have comments about the merit or where it belongs, it should take place in the actual discussion of the item. Corporation Counsel Ryan states this is just a motion to reconsider to place 10P on the agenda which requires nine affirmative votes. Councilman Giuliano has a question to the Chair of General Council Commission. If the motion to reconsider were to fail and GCC take it up, would the eventual adoption be retroactive. Will the people affected by this memorandum not be prejudiced by the delay? Councilwoman Bartolotta states yes. Councilwoman Salafia states it is retroactive all except the health insurance, that is effective a month after ratification. Corporation Counsel states these are issues that do not affect the motion to reconsider. The motion to reconsider just puts it on the agenda.

The vote is called and it is nine aye votes by Council Members Nocera, Serra, Daley, Chisem, Blanchard, Faulkner, Giuliano, Pessina, and Salafia; and two nay votes by Council Members Bartolotta and Kleckowski. The Chair states agenda item 10P is added to the agenda.

7. Mayor requests Council Clerk to read appropriation and bond ordinance requests and the Certificate of Director of Finance.

The Chair requests the clerk to read the appropriation requests and the Certificate of the Director of Finance.



CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

MAYOR'S OFFICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown will be held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on **MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016 at 7 p.m.** to consider and act upon the following:

A. Parking Department	\$25,000, Account No. 1000-18500-55185, Contractual Services, General Fund.
B. Public Works	\$25,000, Account No. 1000-22000-55185-0320, Contractual Services, General Fund.

Any and all persons interested may appear and be heard.

ATTEST:



MAYOR DANIEL T. DREW
Mayor

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, 24th day of March, 2016.

The Council Chamber is wheelchair accessible. If you require special accommodations for any meeting, please call the (860) 638-4812 (TDD/TTY) or the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 638-4910 at least ten days prior to the scheduled meeting.

MEMORANDUM

TO: His Honor, Mayor Daniel T. Drew and Members of the Common Council

FROM: Finance Department

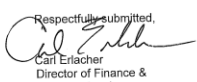
DATE: March 31, 2016

RE: Certification of Funds


This is to certify that funds sufficient to meet the appropriations requested at your meeting on April 4, 2016 are available as follows:

General Fund	\$50,000
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Respectfully submitted,



Carl Erscher
Director of Finance & Revenue Services



Point of information Councilman Serra states for the Council's information, 7A we will vote nay because the Parking Director has found money within the budget; and 7B, this is being funded in 16-17 budget and there is no time factor. So vote nay on both of these.

A. Parking Department \$25,000, Account No. , Contractual Services, General Fund (Defeated)

Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. reads and moves for approval the Parking Department request of \$25,000, Account No. 1000-18500-55185, Contractual Services, General Fund. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 0 aye votes; and eleven nay votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter failed with 0 affirmative votes, 11 in opposition and 1 absent.

B. Public Works \$25,000, Account No. 1000-22000-55185-0320, Contractual Services, General Fund. (Defeated)

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval the Public Works appropriation request of \$25,000, Account No. 1000-22000-55185-0320, Contractual Services, General Fund. Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 0 aye votes by None; 11 nay votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter failed with 0 affirmative votes, 11 in opposition and 1 absent.

8. Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approval.

A. City Clerk's Certificate (Approved)



*City of Middletown
City & Town Clerk's Office
245 deKoven Drive
Middletown, CT 06457*

Certification

I, Linda Bettencourt, City and Town Clerk of the City of Middletown and custodian of the records and seal thereof, hereby certify that all ordinances and appropriations passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the Common Council on March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. and the special meeting on March 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. have been advertised in the local newspaper.

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 29th day of March, 2016.

Attest:

Linda Bettencourt

Linda Bettencourt
City & Town Clerk



B. Monthly Reports:
Finance Department - Transfer Report to March 24, 2016
(Approved)



Transfers of Funds - Operating Budget Accounts					
From1/15/16			To2/24/16		
FY 2015-2016					
Date	Department	Budget Item	From Account No.	To Account No.	Amount
01/19/16	PW/Engineering	General Administrative	1000-22000-52110-0223		(500.00)
	PW/Bldg & Grnds	Building Materials	1000-22000-53235-0229		(1,500.00)
	PW/Recycling	Contractual Services	1000-22000-55185-0222		(1,500.00)
	PW/City Hall	Contractual Services		1000-22000-55185-0227-50001	3,500.00
01/19/16	Senior	General Administrative	1000-32000-52110-0130		(1,000.00)
		Building Materials	1000-32000-53235-0130		(2,000.00)
		Repairs/Maintenance to Buildings	1000-32000-53380-0130		(2,000.00)
		General Specialized Equipment		1000-32000-53100-0130	5,000.00
01/26/16	Human Relations	Contractual Services	1000-11000-55185		(200.00)
		General Administrative		1000-11000-52110	200.00
01/26/16	Fire	Building Materials	2010-50000-53235-0500		(4,500.00)
		Longevity	2010-50000-51420-0500		(2,500.00)
		Repairs/Maintenance to Buildings		2010-50000-53380-0500	7,000.00
01/26/16	PW/Recycling	Contractual Services	1000-22000-55185-0222		(1,000.00)
	PW/Sanitation	Repairs/Maintenance to Vehicles	1000-22000-53520-0230		(2,000.00)
	PW/Garage	Oil, Grease, Lubricants & Fluids		1000-22000-53220-0225	3,000.00
01/27/16	Water	Contingency Fund	5000-60000-57020		(5,000.00)
		Repairs/Maintenance to Vehicles		5000-60000-53520	5,000.00
01/27/16	Animal Control	Incentive Pay	1000-18000-51910-0182		(950.00)
		Uniform Allowance	1000-18000-51950-0182		(1,000.00)
		Overtime		1000-18000-51340*-0182	1,950.00
02/02/16	Fire	UPS Battery Replacement	2070-18000-79662-x-x-2016		(30.00)
		Traffic Signal Upgrades	2070-18000-53265-x-x-2016		(10,000.00)
		(3) Police Patrol Vehicles/Modifications		2070-18000-79672-x-x-2016	10,030.00
02/02/16	PCD	General Administrative	1000-14000-52110		(600.00)
		Overtime		1000-14000-51340	600.00
02/02/16	IT	Consultant Services	1000-03500-55180		(332.47)
		Salaries & Wages, PT Perm		1000-03500-51215	332.47
02/03/16	PW/Bldg & Grnds	Contractual Services	1000-22000-55185-0229		(2,500.00)

	PW/Garage	Tires		1000-22000-53530-0225	2,500.00
02/05/16	PW/Recycling	Contractual Services	1000-22000-55185-0222		(3,000.00)
	PW/Highway	Contractual Services		1000-22000-55185-0226	3,000.00
02/08/16	PW/Highway	General Specialized Equipment	1000-22000-53100-0226		(3,000.00)
	PW/Garage	Tires		1000-22000-53530-0225	2,750.00
	PW/Highway	Cell Phone		1000-22000-54120-0225	250.00
02/08/16	Senior	Repair/Maintenance to Buildings	1000-32000-53380-0130		(300.00)
	Recreation	Busing	1000-32000-55415-0321		(700.00)
		Advertisements		1000-32000-52115-0321	1,000.00
02/16/16	Human Resources	Arbitration Services	1000-05000-55135-0170		(5,295.00)
	OGC	Court Costs		1000-05000-55130-0050	5,295.00
02/16/16	Senior	Repairs/Maintenance to Buildings	1000-32000-53380-0130		(160.00)
		Misc Repairs & Maintenance		1000-32000-53280-0130	160.00
02/16/16	Recreation	Salaries & Wages, PT Seasonal	1000-32000-51230-0321		(20,000.00)
		Salaries & Wages, PT Temp		1000-32000-51220-0321	20,000.00
02/23/16	PW/Highway	General Administrative	1000-22000-52110-0226		(200.00)
	PW/Recycling	General Administrative		1000-22000-52110-0222	200.00
02/23/16	IT	Consultant Services	1000-03500-55180		(124.84)
		Salaries & Wages, PT Perm		1000-03500-51215	124.84
02/23/16	PW/Sanitation	Repairs/Maintenance to Vehicles	1000-22000-53520-0230		(10,000.00)
	PW/Garage	General Vehicle Services		1000-22000-53510-0225	10,000.00
02/23/16	PW/Sanitation	Waste Removal	2020-40000-55410		(757.00)
		Interdepartmental Services		2020-40000-52125	757.00
02/23/16	PW/Highway	Snowplowing Private Contractors	1000-22000-55471-0226		(11,000.00)
		Custodial OT		1000-22000-51334-0226	5,000.00
	PW/Garage	General Vehicle Services		1000-22000-53510-0225	6,000.00
					0.00

C. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Board of Education, Various Grants
(Approved)

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457
REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL
OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number: 256Date of Request: 3/17/2016

Name of Grant: as listed below

Amount Requested: \$2,517,768.34Code: 2450-33000-59405-X-03025

Grant Period: From: 7/1/2015To: 6/30/2016Rev Code: 2450-33000-43480-X-X

Type of Grant: Amount Loaned from General Fund: \$169,632.00

Department Administering Grant: Middletown Board of Education

When any department, commission, office or agency is the recipient of any federal, state or other grant allocated for specific purposes, these funds shall be immediately transferred to the specific unit which has made application for such grant. Confirmation and approval of such transfer shall be given at the next regularly scheduled sessions of the Common Council. Notwithstanding any other Charter provision, the action of the Common Council in confirming and approving such transfer shall be an appropriation; no public hearing thereon shall be required and said funds may then be expended for the purposes for which they were granted.

Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
2359 - Fam Resc Ctr - MacDonough (\$1,097.00) grant reduction; 2360 - Fam Resc Ctr - Farm Hill (\$1,097.00) grant reduction; 2553 - Public Fleet EV Incentive Pgm \$65,837.00; 2705 - CAUSE - Wes Mini Grant \$4,540.75; 2710 - High Qual/Common Core \$103,795.00; 2720 - CFMC All Pro Dad \$4,000.00; 2768 - NEAT JRB (\$1,250.00) grant reduction; 2770 - Liberty Bank - PLT-VFF-PEP \$7,500.00; 2771 - Rockfall Foundation Science Pgm \$6,750.00; 2779 - Food Services \$179,556.74; 2401 - Excess Cost SPED \$1,844,024.00; 2721 - SPED Medicaid \$22,097.75; 2724 - United Way YSD \$18.28; 2732 - Swaim Strings Pgm \$430.00; 8001 - Retirees/COBRA Ins \$228,006.69; 8003 - Workers Comp \$4,596.40; 8004 - PreSchl Pgm Fees \$7,339.00; 8009 - Maintenance/Rentals \$1,332.00; 8021 - Student Gaurdian Bus Camera \$5,404.00; 8033 - ADED Receipts \$502.50; 8034 - ADED Enrichment \$25,000.00; 8035 - ADED Othr Receipts \$13.00; 8036 - Even Start Fam Learn Pgm Rec \$833.00; 8037 - Even Start Rec \$107.10; 8093 - Fingerprinting Receipts \$339.25; 8095 - SPED Tuition Reimbursement \$6,999.88; 9010 - Kelgwin Parent Fees \$340.00; 9151 - Student Activities WWMS \$1,850.00. Special Programs through 02/18/16 \$15,276,407.76 ADDITIONS \$2,517,768.34 Total Special Programs through 03/17/16 \$17,794,176.10.

Signature: Patricia Charles
Requested by: Patricia Charles, ED. D.
Status:
Status Date:

D. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Mayor's Office/School Readiness Story Train to Reading Readiness (Approved)

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457
REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL
OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number: 257Date of Request: 3/18/2016

Name of Grant: School Readiness - Story Train to Reading Readiness Program

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00Code: 2350-33000-59501

Grant Period: From: 3/1/2016To: Rev Code: 2350-01000-48158

Type of Grant: LocalAmount Loaned from General Fund: \$0.00

Department Administering Grant: Mayor's Office/Board of Ed/School Readiness Council

When any department, commission, office or agency is the recipient of any federal, state or other grant allocated for specific purposes, these funds shall be immediately transferred to the specific unit which has made application for such grant. Confirmation and approval of such transfer shall be given at the next regularly scheduled sessions of the Common Council. Notwithstanding any other Charter provision, the action of the Common Council in confirming and approving such transfer shall be an appropriation; no public hearing thereon shall be required and said funds may then be expended for the purposes for which they were granted.

Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
The Community Foundation of Middlesex County/Jan Ellen Youngblood Fund, William McCann and Best Cleaners Fund, Lee and Welles Guilmarin Fund have donated funding for the Story Train to Reading Readiness Program for children who participate in the School Readiness Programs.

Signature: Mayor Daniel T. Drew
Requested by: Mayor Daniel T. Drew
Status:
Status Date:

E. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Finance, Local Capital Improvement Program (Approved)

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL
OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number: 258

Date of Request: 3/18/2016

Name of Grant: Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) - 2016

Amount Requested: \$317,269.00

Code: 3560-0000-57030-0000-00000-0000

Grant Period: From: 3/1/2015 To:

Rev Code

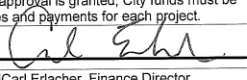
Type of Grant: State

Amount Loaned from General Fund: \$317,269.00

Department Administering Grant: Finance

When any department, commission, office or agency is the recipient of any federal, state or other grant allocated for specific purposes, these funds shall be immediately transferred to the specific unit which has made application for such grant. Confirmation and approval of such transfer shall be given at the next regularly scheduled sessions of the Common Council. Notwithstanding any other Charter provision, the action of the Common Council in confirming and approving such transfer shall be an appropriation; no public hearing thereon shall be required and said funds may then be expended for the purposes for which they were granted.

Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
The City has been awarded funds to be used for Middletown local capital improvement projects as specified in the State grant guidelines. The City must apply and receive approval for projects in advance. Once approval is granted, City funds must be expended first, and OPM will provide reimbursement upon proper submittal of invoices and payments for each project.

Signature: 

Requested by: Carl Erlacher, Finance Director

Status:

Status Date:

F. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Recreation and Community Services (Approved)

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL
OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT

Grant Number: 259

Date of Request: 3/21/2016

Name of Grant: Recreation and Community Services Activity Account

Amount Requested: \$80,000.00

Code: 2210-32000-59022-0321-03205-x-x

Grant Period: From: 7/1/2015 To: 6/30/2016

Rev Code 2210-32000-44230-0321-03205-x-x

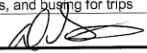
Type of Grant: local

Amount Loaned from General Fund: \$0.00

Department Administering Grant: Recreation and Community Services

When any department, commission, office or agency is the recipient of any federal, state or other grant allocated for specific purposes, these funds shall be immediately transferred to the specific unit which has made application for such grant. Confirmation and approval of such transfer shall be given at the next regularly scheduled sessions of the Common Council. Notwithstanding any other Charter provision, the action of the Common Council in confirming and approving such transfer shall be an appropriation; no public hearing thereon shall be required and said funds may then be expended for the purposes for which they were granted.

Description of services to be provided by this Grant:
To support Recreation and Community Services Department activities, wages, supplies, and busing for trips

Signature: 

Requested by: Deb Stanley

Status:

Status Date:

G. Human Relations - 2nd Quarter Hiring Report (Approved)



City of Middletown

Memorandum

To: Mayor Daniel T. Drew
From: Faith M. Jackson, Human Relations Director & Affirmative Action Officer
Date: March 16, 2016
Re: The City of Middletown 2015/2016 Recruitment Hiring Report - 2nd Quarter Report

Attached is the 2015/2016 second quarter recruitment hiring report for the City of Middletown for your review and approval. For the second quarter, a total of two new employees were hired: one White Female and one Black Male. Job opportunities for this quarter came under the following categories: EEO-3 Technicians and EEO-8 Service Maintenance. Hiring occurred in the following departments: Planning, Conservation, and Development and Board of Education. Of the new hires, the City achieved one of its set goals, one Black Male, in EEO-8 Service Maintenance, School Custodian I. 100% of the new hires fell within the protected class, one White Female and one Black Male.

During the second quarter, there were a total of eleven job opportunities. Of all the job opportunities, 18% were filled by two new employees and 82% were filled by nine internal employees; five promotions and four transfers. Of the five promotions, the City achieved one set goal: one White Female in EEO-6 Administrative Services. 20% of the promotions, one White female fell within the Protected Class.

Even though the City does not hire a large number of new employees, it continues to demonstrate its good faith efforts to hire and promote a diverse workforce. If you have any questions or would like further explanation of this report, please call me at extension 4830. Thank you.

c: Kathleen Morey, Human Resources Director
Common Council
Affirmative Action Monitoring Committee
/fmj

Attachments Approve: [Signature] 3/16/16
Decline: _____
Other: _____

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HUMAN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
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City of Middletown

Memorandum

To: Daniel T. Drew, Mayor, City of Middletown
From: Faith M. Jackson, Human Relations Director and Affirmative Action Officer
Date: March 16, 2016
Re: City of Middletown Affirmative Action 2015/2016 2nd Quarter Hiring Results

Total Goals set for 2015/2016 - (44):
A1-EEO1 - 1WF, 1BM, 1HF, 1OF
B2-EEO2 - *1WF, 1WF, 1BM, 1BF, 1HM, 1OM, 1OF
C3-EEO3 - *1WF, 1BM, 1HF, 1OM
D4-EEO4 - *1WF, 2BM, 1BF, 1HM, 1OM, 1OF
E5-EEO5 - 1WF, 1BF, 1HM, 1OF
F6-EEO6 - *1WF, 1WF, 2BF, 1HF, 1OM, 1OF
G7-EEO7 - 1WF, 1BM, 1HM, 1OM
H8-EEO8 - 2WF, *1BM, 1BF, 1HM, 1HF, 1OM

2nd Quarter Hires/Promotions/Terminations/Transfers/Other Results October, November, and December 2015

	Total	White Male	White Female	B/AA Male	B/AA Female	H/L Male	H/L Female	Asian Male	Asian Female	AI/AN Male	AI/AN Female	NI/OPI Male	NI/OPI Female	Two/More Male	Two/More Female
New Hires	2		1 C	*1 BE											
Prom.	5	3 C 1 BE	*1 BE												
Trans.	4	1 C 2 BE						1 BE							
Reclass.															
Dem.															
Sep./Other:	5	3 RC		1 QC	1 RC										

Definitions: L - Layoff
LA - Leave of Absence
O - Other
Q - Quit
R - Retired
C - City
BE - Board of Education
T - Terminated

EEO Key: EEO1 (A-1) - Officials/Administrators
EEO2 (B-2) - Professionals
EEO3 (C-3) - Technicians
EEO4 (D-4) - Protective Service
EEO5 (E-5) - Para-Professionals
EEO6 (F-6) - Administrative Support
EEO7 (G-7) - Skilled Craft
EEO8 (H-8) - Service/Maintenance

Ethnic Codes: Two/More Races
Asian
B/AA - Black/African American
H/L - Hispanic/Latino
AI/AN - American Indian/Alaskan Native
NI/OPI - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
White

*Achieved Established Goal
**Achieved a Minority Hire

c: Affirmative Action Monitoring Committee, Common Council, and Human Resources Division

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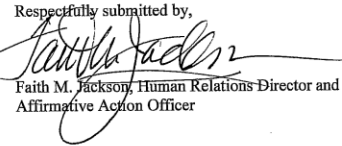
Affirmative Action Recruitment Hiring Goals 2015-2016
2nd Quarter Hiring Results
October, November, and December 2015

EEO Category/Number of Goals (44)	Position(s) Available	Number of Available	Goal(s) Achieved
	Y/N	Position(s)	Y/N
EEO1 – Officials/Administrator (4)	N	--	
1WF, 1HM, 1HF, 1OF			
EEO2 – Professional (7)	N	--	
*1WF, 1WF, 1BM, 1BF, 1HM, 1OM, 1OF			
EEO3 – Technician (4)	Y	1	Y
*1WF, 1BM, 1HF, 1OM			1 WF
EEO4 – Protective Services (7)	N	--	
*1WF, 2BM, 1BF, 1HM, 1OM, 1OF			
EEO5 – Paraprofessionals (4)	N	--	
1WF, 1BF, 1HM, 1OF			
EEO6 – Administrative Services (7)	N	--	
2WF, 2BF, 1HF, 1OM, 1OF			
EEO7 – Skilled Craft (4)	N	--	
1WF, 1BM, 1HM, 1OM			
EEO8 – Service Maintenance (7)	Y	1	Y
2WF, *1BM, 1BF, 1HM, 1HF, 1OM			*1 BM
Total Hires		2	

*Achieved Established Goal
**Achieved a Minority Hire

Race/Ethnicity Codes: BM: Black/African American Male
BF: Black/African American Female
HM: Hispanic/Latino Male
HF: Hispanic/Latina Female
OM: Other Male, which includes the following: Asian Male, American Indian/Alaskan Native Male, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Male
OF: Other Female, which includes the following: Asian Female, American Indian/Alaskan Native Female, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Female
TMM: Two or More Races Male
TMF: Two or More Races Female
WM: White Male
WF: White Female

The following report reflects the 2015-2016 second quarter hiring results. During this quarter, the City hired two new employees: one White Female and one Black/African American Male. The City achieved one of its set goals: one Black/African American Male in EEO8 – Service Maintenance. Of the two new hires, 100% were from the protected class. For this quarter, hiring occurred in the following departments: Planning, Conservation, and Development and the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted by,

Faith M. Jackson, Human Relations Director and
Affirmative Action Officer

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H. Emergency Purchase - Parking Department, Lower Arcade
(Approved)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Imme, Purchasing
FROM: Geen Thazhampallath
Director Department of Parking

CC: Mayor Daniel T Drew
Finance Director Carl Erlacher
Bill Russo, Common Council

RE: Emergency Purchase-Arcade Lower Level Make Safe Structural Review &
Electrical Immediate Fixes

DATE: March 22, 2016

Please accept this memorandum as documentation of the need to have initiated an emergency repair at the City's parking arcade structure on Court Street. On March 21 the Parking Office was notified by the Police Department of a significant collapse of a hanging light fixture. Thankfully no damage occurred and no injuries. However, upon reviewing the site in person and the photographs, the Mayor's Office was notified and subsequently authorized closure and relocation of any private or public parking including all police personnel and city police vehicles. We also initiated an immediate response to turn off all electrical power to the lower level with Bish Electric and a rapid response review by Alfred Benesh of Glastonbury to study the lower level and the failing fixtures.

Numerous light fixtures have been identified as being in peril of falling and in need of immediate action/remedy by electricians. In conjunction with the Mayor's Office the determination was made to take down all failing fixtures to eliminate that specific hazard while providing some time to make further determinations pending Benesh's report regarding light replacement, reopening or potential long term and/or final closure of the lower level.

An emergency appropriation of not to exceed \$25,000 is estimated to be necessary for these emergency steps.

Photos are attached as backup. Invoices are being collected for the work and will also be submitted.


Parking Services Director
Geen Thazhampallath

I. Status Report on the Police Department's Firing Range renovations (Approved)

Daniel T. Drew
Mayor
William N. McKenna
Chief of Police



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Middletown POLICE DEPARTMENT

*"To proudly serve in partnership with the community through a commitment to
Excellence, professionalism and integrity."*

Date: March 29, 2016
To: Common Council
From: Chief McKenna
Re: Shooting Range Sound Attenuation

Council Members,

Immediately following the January 14th, 2016 Special Common Council meeting, members of the MPD began conversations with shooting range firms with proven design and construction plans. Here is an update on the project. Future Commission, and or Council presentations may occur in the near future.

The two firms are **TRS Range Services** and **Troy Acoustics**.

As you will see in the attachments, **TRS (Total Range Services)** flew out the owner of the company to do a site assessment and design plan. This firm handles every aspect of the project; from the site excavation, installation and commission. The company then sent us a Budgetary Cost Proposal for the approximate dimensions of the range. The BCP is attached to this correspondence and is priced at approx... \$1,558,033. This cost includes the addition of a granular rubber bullet trap which will catch the lead residue from the bullets which will alleviate and environmental concerns from the lead runoff.

The second company, **Troy Acoustics**, identified the dimensions of the range from their home base and provided an approx... acoustics proposal for the patented Troy System. They sent us a proposal of approx... \$2,104,039. This cost also included the addition of a granular rubber bullet trap which will catch the lead residue from the bullets which will alleviate and environmental concerns from the lead runoff. Since their proposal was submitted, we advised them that the cost was too high and that we felt the dimensions they used were too large for the actual size we were committed to. They are resubmitting a newer proposal with our set dimensions.

The addition of a bullet trap was recommended by both companies. Considering the location of the range being close to the water source, the trap is being highly recommended for environmental purposes. We are still negotiating with both companies to try to get the cost of the building to meet the appropriation price of \$750,000, and the goal is to separately cost out the bullet trap. We are attempting to research any additional funding, and/or environmental grants, to pay for the trap separately.

On March 30, 2016, we spoke to Dave Connell of the FBI. He has once again submitted a request for \$750,000 to assist in the project. Unfortunately, he will not hear back until August.

The owners of **TRS** are willing to come to a scheduled meeting date to present their Design Plan. Waiting to hear back from **Troy Acoustics** with new pricing. Both companies claim that design is intended to alleviate the noise complaints from the affected areas.

All documents are subject to change. Additional documents are attached to show the progress since the Special meeting.

Thank you,

Chief McKenna

Sent via email

J. Bond Rating Report - Finance Dept. (Approved)

The report is found under K:/Review/16april meeting materials/SP Report – Middletown Ct – March 2016.pdf

Councilman Thomas J. Serra moves for approval the Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approval agenda items 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8I, and 8J. Councilwoman

Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

**9. Payment of all City bills when properly approved.
(Approved)**

Councilman Thomas J. Serra moves for approval the Payment of all City bills when properly approved. Councilman Philip J. Pessina seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

10. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.

**A. Approving congratulating the 2016 Middletown High School Honor Students.
(Approved)**

Resolution No. 34-16

File Name cchonorstudents2016

Whereas, the mission of public education in Middletown is to enable students to achieve their highest potential by challenging them with a variety of educational experiences to develop them intellectually, socially, and physically; and

Whereas, each person is an important resource for Middletown and the successful education of our children is essential to Middletown's future growth; and

Whereas, Middletown High School and the Middletown Board of Education will hold an honors reception on May 26, 2016 to honor those students who have excelled during their four years at Middletown High School; and

Whereas, the students have achieved academic excellence, as well as shown leadership in their school and community, the highest of character and civic values, as well as providing at least 30 hours of volunteer service in their school and community; and

Whereas, the Class of 2016 has thirty-nine students who have distinguished themselves as honor students and they are: Rachel Angle, Evan Augeri, Max Breton, Matteo Cavaliere, Tasia Clarke, Claire Curran, Connor Dale, Alexandra DeFrance, John Doherty, Leianna Dolce, Sabrina Doolgar, Zachary Fitzner, Samantha, Fletcher, Ameryca Freeman, Corey Freer, Jamie Gassman, Kara Greatsinger, Thomas Hale, Tatym Kachinsky, Dhruv Kekare, Emmalyn Lecky, Kayla Little, Rajshree Marhatta, Frhana Mariya, Nathaniel Melendez, Gifty Mensah, Eric Olerud, William, O'Reilly, Kierah Parker, Alexia Radkermani, Andre Rogers, Hanna Rugh, Victoria Schaff, Mackenzie Smart, Elizabeth Smith, Julia Solecki, Adrianna Spada, Kaitlyn Tomer, and Lydia Wolfe; and

Now therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: That on behalf of the citizens of Middletown, we recognize the honor students' personal achievements, not only for four years of academic excellence in the classroom, but also for distinguishing themselves through their commitment to character and citizenship, as leaders and role models in their school and in the community; and

Be it further resolved: That we extend our congratulations and best wishes to these students and that we recognize the encouragement and dedication of their faculty mentors; and

Be it further resolved: That a true and attested copy of the foregoing resolution be presented to these honor students of Middletown High School, graduating Class of 2016 at the honor reception to be held on May 26, 2016 as a token of our appreciation for their efforts and as an impetus to succeed in all their future endeavors.

Councilman Gerald E. Daley reads and moves for approval congratulating the 2016 Middletown High School Honor Students. Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano seconds the motion.

Councilman Daley states this is a resolution we consider every year to honor the high school seniors who made the honor roll for the entire career; it is an impressive event. They are introduced by a teacher and they talk about their achievements, not just their academic successes. There are a number of council members who attend and this year the event is May 26. Each student will get a copy of the resolution and it names the honor students that evening; he urges the Council's support.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

B. Approving the amending of Ordinance Section 1-19, Article I to amend the name of the Director of Human Relations and Human Relations Director to Director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management and approving amending the Human relations Office or Office of Human Relations to the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management; this amendment to Section 1-19 will change those names throughout the Middletown Code of Ordinances.

This item was removed at the beginning of the meeting.

C. Approving establishing a nine member Boathouse Building Committee and confirming the Mayor's appointees to the Committee.
(Approved)

Resolution No. 35-16

File Name mo2016boathousebuildingcommittee

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown is developing the riverfront area including replacing and building a new boathouse; and

WHEREAS, the project will cost over \$500,000 and would need a building committee to oversee its construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That a nine member Boathouse Building Committee be approved and established pursuant to Article VI Building Committees of the City of Middletown Code of Ordinances, Section 14-24 membership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the following members appointed by the Mayor be confirmed by the Common Council:

BOATHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Gerry Daley, Chair

Joseph Samolis (Renovation), Vice Chair

Wendy Sheil

Jeff Clark (Construction)

Jen Alexander

Lynda MacPherson (Business/Finance)

Angela Wong (Construction)

Dan Cunningham

August DeFrance (ADA)

Staff

(Michiel Wackers)

(Chris Holden)

Fiscal Impact: At present, there is no fiscal impact.

Councilman Eugene P. Nocera reads and moves for approval establishing a nine member Boathouse Building Committee and confirming the Mayor's appointees to the Committee. Councilman Philip J. Pessina seconds the motion.

Councilwoman Salafia states last month they separated out the members and you appoint them after the resolution; Chair states it has been done this way before and it is the Council's discretion. He doesn't care which way it is done. Councilman Giuliano asks the Chair to affirmatively state on the record that these are the Mayor's appointments. The Mayor states they are.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

D. Approving co-sponsoring the Central Business Bureau's "Cruise Night on Main Street" scheduled for June 15, 2016 from 4:30 to 8:30, with rain date for June 22, 2016.
(Approved)

Resolution No. 36-16

File Name cccruisenite4-2016

WHEREAS, the Central Business Bureau of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce is planning to hold its 19th annual "Cruise Night On Main Street" on June 15, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the rain date scheduled for June 22, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That the City of Middletown proudly accepts the position of co-sponsor for the 2016 "Cruise Night On Main Street" along with the Central Business Bureau, a Division of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce and that this event be recognized as a special event and that Section 218-9 C of the Middletown Code of Ordinances be in effect for this event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That fees including personnel, for the showmobile cannot be waived; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes the Middletown Police Department to restrict non-essential vehicular traffic on Main Street between Washington Street and Williams Street and the South Green; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Common Council does request that the Departments of Public Works and Park and Recreation, Economic Development, Police, Fire, and Health render all such assistance and support as may be required to ensure the public health and safety for this event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Middletown shall expend not more than \$10,000 for said event without further Council approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Organization receiving funding from the City be requested to file a report to the City indicating the expenses and accomplishments for the City of Middletown.

Financial Impact: EMS crew at these events with one firefighter and one Lieutenant at an estimated cost at \$700; Police, the cost in the current budget is \$2,267; Public Works, Park Division will use eight employees (8 at straight time for a cost of \$400, and six (6) employees at a cost of \$580; Health, the cost is \$100. per event.

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval co-sponsoring the Central Business Bureau's "Cruise Night on Main Street" scheduled for June 15, 2016 from 4:30 to 8:30, with rain date for June 22, 2016. Councilman Carl R. Chisem seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

E. Approving co-sponsoring the Central Business Bureau's "Middletown Motorcycle Mania" for August 10, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with rain date of August 17, 2016.

(Approved)

Resolution No. 37-16

File Name ccmotorcyclemania2016

WHEREAS, the Central Business Bureau of the Middlesex Chamber are planning to hold its 11th Annual "Middletown Motorcycle Mania" on August 10, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the rain date scheduled for August 17, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That the City of Middletown proudly accepts the position of c-sponsor for the "Middletown Motorcycle Mania" and that this event be recognized as a special event and that Section 218-9 C of the Middletown Code of Ordinances be in effect for this event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all fees, including personnel and subsidiary fees, cannot be waived for the use of the showmobile; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes the Middletown Police Department to restrict non-essential vehicular traffic on Main Street between Washington Street and Williams Street and the South Green; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Common Council does request that the Departments of Public Works and Park and Recreation, Economic Development, Police, Fire, and Health render all such assistance and support as may be required to ensure the public health and safety for this event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Middletown shall expend not more than \$10,000 for said event without further councilmanic approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Organization receiving funding from the City be requested to file a report to the City indicating the expenses and accomplishments for the City of Middletown.

Financial Impact: The Fire Department posts a full engine company and an EMS crew at this event due to the number of people who attend and the estimated cost is \$1,600; Police, the cost in the budget is \$5,515; Public Works Park Division will use (8) employees at straight time for a cost of \$400, and six (6) employees at a cost of \$580; Health, the cost is about \$100 per event.

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval co-sponsoring the Central Business Bureau's "Middletown Motorcycle Mania" for August 10, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with rain date of August 17, 2016. Councilman Philip J. Pessina seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

F. Approving co-sponsoring the Citizens Bank 5K Summer Fun Run for July 20, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(Approved)

Resolution No. 38-16

File Name ccroadrace24-2016

WHEREAS, the City of Middletown has served as the Host City for the "Citizens Bank 5K Summer Fun Run" with over 700 participants; and

WHEREAS, Citizens Bank is the title sponsor for this year's event along Middlesex Chamber's Central Business Bureau, a Division of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, this year's event will be held on July 20, 2016 from 4:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That, together with the Mayor, the Common Council congratulates the sponsoring organizations for organizing an excellent race event which attracts participants from throughout Connecticut; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Common Council of the City of Middletown proudly accepts the position of Host Community and co-Sponsor of the 2015 Citizens Bank 5K Summer Fun Run event along with Citizen's Bank, and Central Business Bureau, a Division of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Common Council of the City of Middletown authorizes the Middletown Police Department to restrict non-essential vehicular traffic on the 3.1 mile (5K) race course; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Common Council does request that the Departments of Public Works and Park and Recreation, Economic Development, Police, Fire, and Health render all such assistance and support as may be required to ensure the public health and safety of the many race participants and observers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the costs and fees, including personnel and subsidiary expenses for the Showmobile cannot be waived; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Middletown shall expend no more than \$5,000 for said event without further councilmanic approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Organization receiving funding from the City be requested to file a report to the City indicating the expenses and accomplishments for the City of Middletown.

Financial Impact: The Fire Department posts an EMS crew at these events with one firefighter and one Lieutenant at an estimated cost of \$400; Police, the cost in the budget is \$1,976; Public Works Parks Division has no costs related to this event; Health, the cost is about \$100 per event.

Councilman Robert Blanchard reads and moves for approval co-sponsoring the Citizens Bank 5K Summer Fun Run for July 20, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

G. Approving a 4-year partial tax abatement for S&G Holdings LLC for a 12 unit apartment building being constructed at 38 Ward Street, authorizing the Mayor to sign said agreement, with the tax abatements will be executed after the issuance of the final Certificate of Occupancy.

(Approved)

Resolution No. 39-16

File Name PCD4-16at38_Ward_Street_taxabatement_2016

WHEREAS, at the March 8, 2016 meeting of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) the Committee voted to recommend a 4 year partial tax abatement incentive for the 12 unit apartment building being constructed at 38 Ward Street by S&G Holdings LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: the Mayor shall be authorized to effect an agreement for a 4-year partial tax abatement as described above are approved pursuant to Section 272-9(G) of the Middletown Code of Ordinances for real property improvements located at 38 Ward Street; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; The tax abatements shall be executed after issuance of a final Certificate of Occupancy.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost benefit analysis is detailed in the report provided to the Council. In summary, this project will add over \$1 million in new taxable value to the grand list.

The direct benefits in revenue to the City of Middletown are detailed in the report provided. In summary:

- The City collects \$2,961 in taxes without this development. In year 1, the City collects \$19,935 in taxes and building permit fees.
- When the tax abatement has expired, the City will collect approximately \$31,257 in property taxes.
- The City will recoup its investment in year 1, and has positive cash flow in year 1.

Councilman Gerald E. Daley reads and moves for approval a 4-year partial tax abatement for S&G Holdings LLC for a 12 unit apartment building being constructed at 38 Ward Street, authorizing the Mayor to sign said agreement, with the tax abatements will be executed after the issuance of the final Certificate of Occupancy. Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano seconds the motion. Councilman Daley states in response to Mr. Devoto's comments, we need to look at the whole picture and the Council did receive a memo that went into more detail about some of the rationale and the need for abatement was the increase of costs after the design and review process and redesign about the sprinkler that was not needed and then, it was needed after the approval process; and after construction began, they could not connect to gas and they lost a rebate that was factored in to their financial analysis. It will increase the property value to \$1.1 million and increase taxes from less than \$3,000 to over \$31,000 a year after the abatement expires. The initial year will be \$19,000 in taxes. He mentions for your benefit that EDC will consider revisions to the ordinance on the business of tax incentives to put them more in line with the relative state statutes.

Councilman Blanchard will not support the tax abatement. He was a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the lone no vote when this was jammed through the commission. He remembers the public showing up; he views tax abatements very differently; more times than not tax abatements cause everyone to pay money while someone gets a break. If we want a strong method to promote economic development, we should do so by funding schools and education. That is the best way to promote it and not by giving tax breaks for businesses that are already doing well. Such a tax abatement at this time is asinine and he will not vote for it.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 1 nay votes by Councilman Robert Blanchard and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 1 in opposition and 1 absent.

H. Approving a bid waiver in accordance with Section 78-8 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances to purchase six electric vehicles at a cost less than the State bid and to meet the grant requirement of delivery by May 1.

(Approved)

Resolution No. 40-16

File Name PCD4_16electricvehicle_bidwiaver_2016

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2015, the City of Middletown received an award notice of \$115,064 in grant funds to six electric vehicles and six dual-headed charging stations.

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2016, the Common Council approved a grant confirmation and an appropriation for the purchase of electric vehicles.

WHEREAS, City staff recommended pursuing a bid waiver determined that the electric vehicles could be purchased at a lower costs than State Bid and to ensure deliver before the require grant deadline of May 1st.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2016, the Standardization Committee recommend approving a bid waiver for this project.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

That a bid waiver, in accordance with Section 78-8 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances, be approved to for the purchase of six electric vehicles.

FINANCIAL IMPACT-

The Standardization Committee recommended that a bid waiver be approved for the following reasons:

- 1) **Better pricing than State Bid-** Tasca Ford represented and signed documentation that they were a State Bid vendor for Ford Focus electric vehicles. When the Purchasing Director went to issue the purchase order and verify the state bid contract, it was discovered the Tasca was the State Bid vendor for a different vehicle. The State Bid vendor for the Ford Focus Electric is \$1,000 more expensive per vehicle than the price we have with Tasca Ford.
- 2) **Need to expedite purchase to utilize grant funds-** Electric vehicles are not kept in stock. They are built after they a purchase order has been issued. In order to meet the May 1st deadline we need to put Middletown's order in soon. Otherwise we will lose \$100,000 in grant funds for this purchase.

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval a bid waiver in accordance with Section 78-8 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances to purchase six electric vehicles at a cost less than the State bid and to meet the grant requirement of delivery by May 1. Councilman Philip J. Pessina seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

I. Approving adding the renovations to Donovan Park (behind Macdonough School) estimated to be \$200,000 as a project under the Park Bond that was adopted approved by the voters.

(Approved)

Resolution No. 41-16

File Name pwDonovanParksbond

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Ordinance #19-15 on September 2, 2015, appropriating \$33,450,000 for the Redesign, Renovation, Replacement, Reconstruction, Construction and Improvements at Athletic Fields, Parks and Trails City-wide; and

WHEREAS, Donovan Park, located behind Macdonough School, was not included in the list of parks to be improved; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the park would greatly improve and enhance recreational opportunities for the children who attend Macdonough School as well as those who live in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the project is estimated to cost approximately \$200,000.

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That Donovan Park be included with the list of parks to receive improvements, with the Public Works & Facilities Commission serving as the Building Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That financial savings realized from other projects coming in at a lower cost than originally anticipated will be used to renovate Donovan Park.

Councilman Eugene P. Nocera reads and moves for approval adding the renovations to Donovan Park (behind Macdonough School) estimated to be \$200,000 as a project under the Park Bond that was adopted approved by the voters. Councilman Philip J. Pessina seconds the motion.

Councilman Nocera points out when he was principal there in 1978, the park was there and run down then and he would appreciate the Council's support for the improvements. Councilman Serra states he will support this, but they have to be mindful of the fact that in 100, he will be suggesting we send it back to committee because this \$200,000 is part of the \$33 million and we need a budget delineation, as well as a priority of projects, which are the most important to us and a debt service schedule so we do this properly. This \$200,000 will be from that \$33 million, but we don't have an official budget, so when you get to 100 it should be sent back to committee so that we can get the \$33 million and delineate which projects we are going to do. This could be done by the Public Works Parks Commission and it could be done before the Community meeting on the 14th and adopted then. All the committees will be forming and whatever is left to the Public Works Parks Commission they would have the knowledge of what they have to spend and what the time frame is going to be. I will be supporting this in that spirit. Councilman Faulkner ditto that; that was one issue and his second issue is that this is coming before us because it is not named in the bond. They can't do anything in any other area unless they come to us. The Chair states he wouldn't classify it that way; there was general language in the bond ordinance and this allows for specificity which will enable badly needed improvements to take place with the money already there. The point Councilman Serra was making is that this money is going to be segmented as part of that overall money that is already available; it should be designated as a piece of the wider pool of money.

The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

**J. Approving the expenditure of \$1,200 to Middletown Youth Soccer, Inc. from the Recreation and Community Services Department Youth Grant for the current year.
(Approved)**

Resolution No. 42-16

File Name rsyouthgrantfy1516\$1200

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That Recreation and Community Services Department requests that \$1,200 of the \$62,500 Youth Grant (FY 15/16) is allocated as follows.

Agencies Amount
Middletown Youth Soccer, Inc. \$1,200

Fiscal Impact: No impact on FY 15/16 Budget.

Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta reads and moves for approval the expenditure of \$1,200 to Middletown Youth Soccer, Inc. from the Recreation and Community Services Department Youth Grant for the current year. Councilman Philip J. Pessina seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

**K. Approving the building permit refund to WFSC, Ltd in the amount of \$143.50.
(Approved)**

Resolution No. 43-16

File Name pw580NewfieldStreet

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:

That a Building Permit Refund be issued to WFSC, Ltd., for a property located at 580 Newfield Street, Middletown, CT in the amount of \$143.60 due to cancellation of work.

Councilman Eugene P. Nocera reads and moves for approval the building permit refund to WFSC, Ltd in the amount of \$143.50. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda

Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

L. Approving closing the funds as listed in the resolution and transferring any remaining monies to Debt Service.
(Approved)

Resolution No. 44-16

File Name **fi4-16closed2016acc**

Whereas, The City of Middletown has met all obligations concerning the following funds.

Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Common Council of The City of Middletown that: The following funds be closed and any monies remaining be transferred to Debt Service and any cash needs be transferred from Debt Service.

4010	Technology Sys/Land Records	\$	161.71
4016	City Public Parking Improv.	\$	-0-
4017	Water Wellfield Shoreline Protection	\$	-0-
4044	Fire Truck & Related Equip	\$	219.31
4140	2007 BI Open Space/Farm Land	\$	58.21
4159	Remediation of Omo Manufacturing	\$	16.44
4164	Acquire Property/Constr Park King&Clinton	\$	-0-
4463	Standby Generator for City Hall	\$	195.75
4617	MDTWN Mattabassett District Membership	\$	115.14

Financial Impact: No financial impact.

Councilman Robert Blanchard reads and moves for approval closing the funds as listed in the resolution and transferring any remaining monies to Debt Service. Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

M. Amending the duty of the Woodrow Wilson/Keigwin Building Committee to explore the findings of the Board of Education and determine the needs of the City regarding Woodrow Wilson and Keigwin Schools.
(Approved)

Resolution No. 45-16

File Name **ccwwmiddleschoolbuildingcommitteeamendment**

WHEREAS, the Common Council approved a Woodrow Wilson Middle School Building Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recommended renovating and or building a new Woodrow Wilson Middletown School for grades 6 through 8 which also included renovation Keigwin Middletown School; and

WHEREAS, said project has not been investigated fully before such renovations or rebuilding should occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That the Woodrow Wilson Middle School Building Committee's first duty be to explore the findings of the Board of Education and determine the needs of the City of Middletown before such renovation or rebuilding begins; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That said study could include the hiring of professional individuals to help the committee determine the best course for the City in the future use of Keigwin School and Woodrow Wilson Middle School.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown at this time; there may be costs associated with the exploration.

Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. reads and moves for approval Amending the duty of the Woodrow Wilson/Keigwin Building Committee to explore the findings of the Board of Education and determine the needs of the City regarding Woodrow Wilson and Keigwin Schools.. Councilman Philip J. Pessina seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

N. Approving creating a new line item in the Public Works CNR for 2016 entitled Mechanics' Laptops and approving a transfer of \$3,500 into the new line item from the Miscellaneous Departments' CNR funds.
(Approved)

Resolution No. 46-16
File Name pwCNRmechanicslaptops

WHEREAS, the Mechanics are in need of rugged laptops to be used to troubleshoot repairs for the City's fleet; and

WHEREAS, two laptops would increase productivity for the mechanics; and

WHEREAS, the IT Department has funding available for one laptop at a cost of \$3500; and

WHEREAS, since a laptop does not have a useful life of 10 years, the Public Works CNR bond funds cannot be used.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a new line be created for Public Works in the 2016 City CNR fund entitled, Mechanics Laptops; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That \$3,500 be transferred to the newly created line item from funds available for Miscellaneous Departments.

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval creating a new line item in the Public Works CNR for 2016 entitled Mechanics' Laptops and approving a transfer of \$3,500 into the new line item from the Miscellaneous Departments' CNR funds. Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

- O. Approving the 21st Century Parks Committee to oversee Woodrow Wilson Track and Field Improvements, Woodrow Wilson Tennis Courts, and the Pat Kidney Park Improvements; Approving the Public Works and Facilities Commission to serve as the building committee for Harbor Park, Smith Park, Wesley School Park, Lawrence School Park Improvements, Spear Park, and the Palmer Field Entry and Bleacher Repair; and approving the Mayor's appointments for the 21st Century Parks Committee.**
(Postponed to April 14, 2016/May 2, 2016)

Resolution No. 47-16
File Name moresolution 21centuryparkscommittee

Whereas, the 21st Century Parks Committee is hereby charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Identify and make appropriate recommendations to the Common Council for the location of additional sites for new athletic grass fields.
2. Prioritize the phasing of work for the Woodrow Wilson Track/Field and Tennis Court improvements, as well as the improvements at Pat Kidney Park, as proposed by the Milone and MacBroom evaluation report; and

Whereas, the budget for each project to be overseen by the 21st Century Parks Committee must not exceed the following:

Woodrow Wilson Track/Field Improvements	\$4,945,000
Woodrow Wilson Tennis Courts	\$736,088
Pat Kidney Park Improvements	\$6,520,000

And Whereas, the Public Works and Facilities Commission shall serve as the Building Committee for: Spear Park, Harbor Park, Smith Park, Palmer Field Entry and Bleacher Repair, Wesley and Lawrence School Park Improvements, as proposed by the Milone and MacBroom evaluation report; and

Whereas, the budget for each project overseen by the Public Works & Facilities Commission must not exceed the following:

Harbor Park Improvements	\$585,000
Smith Park Improvements	\$115,000
Palmer Field Entry & Bleacher Repair	\$570,000
Wesley School Park Improvements	\$100,000
Lawrence School Park Improvements	\$70,000
Spear Park	\$515,000

And Whereas, any remaining funds from these projects shall revert back to a Contingency to be appropriated for future projects as outlined in Ordinance No. 19-15, adopted on September 2, 2015; and

Whereas, the work intended to be completed through the parks bond initiative is a very long project that will be implemented over a ten-year period in multiple phases. Therefore, the 21st Century Parks Committee shall dissolve after completion of the aforementioned objectives. The balance of the parks bond will be completed by committees to be formed at a future date.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: That the Mayor's appointment of the following people be confirmed as the 21st Century Parks Committee:

Chair - Gene Nocera
Vice Chair - Carl Chisem

Philip Pessina
 Frank Marchese
 Amy Vaillancourt
 Sheila Daniels
 Maria Holzberg
 Deborah Petruzzello
 Louise Augeri
 Joe Bibisi

Financial Impact: The creation of this committee has no direct financial impact.

Councilman Eugene Nocera reads and moves for approval the 21st Century Parks Committee to oversee Woodrow Wilson Track and Field Improvements, Woodrow Wilson Tennis Courts, and the Pat Kidney Park Improvements; Approving the Public Works and Facilities Commission to serve as the building committee for Harbor Park, Smith Park, Wesley School Park, Lawrence School Park Improvements, Spear Park, and the Palmer Field Entry and Bleacher Repair; and approving the Mayor's appointments for the 21st Century Parks Committee. Councilman Pessina seconds the motion.

Motion to Postpone

Councilman Serra moves that we refer this to the Public Works Department and staff, with the aide of the Finance Department, to delineate the \$33 million and prioritize what needs to be done, like Pat Kidney first, or whatever they determine as well as we need to get input of the Finance Director relative to when we should do these relative to our debt service. If it cannot be done by April 14, it can be done for the May 2 meeting. I would support that. We need organization to do this right so we don't run out of money for some of these projects. The chair asks to the maker of the motion to postpone to date certain of April 14; Councilman Serra responds if it can be done by then with staff but yes; if not to May. The Chair states the target date for consideration for the Council will be April 14. Councilwoman Kleckowski seconds.

Councilman Faulkner asks that there be overages made to the minority community to be involved in some of these committees and it can be in the form of individuals or organizations that represent the minority community. The chair states they have taken care to ensure there is a great diverse representation of people across the committee and will continue to do so throughout the process. Councilman Giuliano states while they were made aware of the committee at Finance and Government Operations, it wasn't on the agenda and we couldn't take any action on it but the general consensus of the commission was as Councilman Serra stated and the resolution should be expanded to the entire bond so all the funds can be allocated, earmarked with as much public input as possibly get and it would be more transparent in that the amounts allocated to the projects listed, where the Public Works and Facilities Commission will serve as the building committee will be clear to the public where they fall within the limits of the building committee. He agrees with postponing it. Councilman Daley states Finance and Government had a consensus that it would be preferable to have the full list of parks and areas, a plan and prioritization and budget for the whole bond. He supports postponing to April 14. I would just point out that I believe the call for the community meeting has gone out so that we will either need to reissue that (he tells the clerk). Clerk Norwood responds it would be a special meeting after the community meeting. He will support that and a special meeting. The Chair states ten days should be enough and if not we can go to May. The Chair states we are voting on a motion to postpone to a date certain, April 14; he calls for the vote. The matter passes unanimously with eleven aye votes; Councilman Santangelo is absent from the meeting.

P. Approving amending the Personnel Rules for Defined, Executive Non-Bargaining Positions, including a changes to salaries and various other sections of the Personnel Rules section.

(Approved)

Resolution No. 48-16

File Name GCCrevisedpersonnelrules2016 (resolution)
 fgocRevisednonbargainingbenefits (actual document with amendments)

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown: That the Personnel Rules, for Defined, Executive Non-Bargaining Positions are hereby amended effective upon ratification by the Common Council.

Corporation Counsel Ryan states because this is a modification of personnel rules, it does require nine votes of the members of the Council to approve changes because the Personnel Rules state that.

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval amending the Personnel Rules for Defined, Executive Non-Bargaining Positions, including a changes to salaries and various other sections of the Personnel Rules section. Councilman Gerald E. Daley seconds the motion.

Councilman Serra states as a member of Finance Committee way back in 2011, the Council made the members of the Finance Committee to discuss with the exempt employees and they did not want them to piggy back any contracts. Back at that time when we discussed this, it was Carl Erlacher, Chief Ouellette, and former Councilwoman Kasper and discussed the various issues in front of us today and in good faith it was 17 individuals at the time that it was, and still do, agreed that it was fair

to take CPI; four or five years ago, everyone knew what CPI has been, especially with the changes in the CPI equation. Therefore, with this negotiation we, sorry that was the wrong word, the discussion that went on we came up with an agreement where they believe, we believe is a fair amount you see in here where you have a 2.5, then 3.35% that in essence makes them whole to where they should be. This is fair to the individuals that are exempt and it was vetted by the Finance Committee four to one abstention vote. He is in support of this. The individuals have waited a while and I believe it is a fair proposal. He hopes everyone will support it.

Councilwoman Bartolotta states I am not opposed to raises and I'm not opposed to as I stated at Finance and Government, the one and only meeting I was involved in, the insurance which should be equal for all employees under the same umbrella meaning from Police, that has been mentioned to me several times in discussions, to 466 to UPSEU and to others. The salaries you receive address responsibilities and the education that comes with the responsibilities. My issue with this tonight is this should go to General Counsel; the reason or that is to make sure the language is clear, things are addressed properly; it is why it states it in the personnel rules twice and the document before you this evening has not been cleaned up correctly. And that would have taken place, I believe at General Counsel. There are many areas that still say Personnel Committee that no longer exists. I asked for figures for this; I came up with \$461,370 for the raises themselves which is a six year plan because the first year is retro and five years additional at 3.35 percent. The exempt were the only paperwork we were given. She discusses the retro which includes bringing them up to UPSEU or given one step increase including increase to Grade 12 for the Chief of Staff and that amounts to \$145,040. It was voted on in Finance and Government that the Chief of Staff would not be put into a grade level, so these monies are not correct. The drop to premium cost share from 19% to 14% for life. It says \$178,352. I am for the insurance at 14%; but for life, she asked about and she was told it was not in the rules, but it is tonight. Giving up longevity is \$51,500; the combined insurance plans has a savings. The sick time payback, they were going to get 150 days' pay out and now 120 days with a savings. It shows the cost, on the paper given to us of the financial impact of \$952; she doesn't understand how that is possible with a six year payout of raises alone is \$461,370 and there are two employees who were factored in and she is not sure if longevity was factored in or not. On page 35, it says at no time shall they be below their subordinate; she was told that some of the director's believe they are below their subordinates. If that occurs, the General Counsel Commission would review this within 30 days. This has never gone through General Counsel Commission. On Page 41, for Health insurance, it says agreement; the word agreement should not be there because these are the Personnel Rules. It says it will be 14% and we are agreeable to this and if you continue through the document to page 45, it removes a graph about costs for health care for certain ages and that is removed and there is a cost to this. When you have this number of employees and remove that, there is a cost for this if you make it a flat 14%. She reads that it says for life. She continues employees after date, they have the grid back if hired after January 1, 2016. Everyone is eligible, but the grid goes away and is back for new hires. I have been told about parity and I believe in it. She reads language about the benefits and states they will mirror UPSEU except for copays for Insurance. She discusses several things that are missing. When we slightly change copays, the savings can be significant. I don't see how you can take a whole class of employees out of a retirement grid and say there is no cost to that. On page 43, the City may elect to change insurance carriers provided the plan is the same and reads on. This locks the City in you have to have exactly the same; all other contracts say equivalent. Where is the out for the Cadillac tax and it is in UPSEU. Copays for prescription drugs, UPSEU copay is considerably higher; there has to be a cost to that. There is just so much and a lot of the language has not been cleared up. We can address this in General Counsel. This is what happens to us when we skip steps we are supposed to do and we could have come on next month as the Director of Finance stated at Finance and Government. Why are we skipping steps and we should follow the protocol we have in place. Every member on the Council has said if they only knew or if we followed protocol. The majority leader has sent them back to committee when protocol has not been followed. This will not hold up the retro by going to General Counsel; it is a few weeks difference and I don't understand why we tried to force it on the agenda. It was not at the Town Clerk's office but on the website. Those are my comments and if it is incorrect I would like to hear so; no matter what it didn't go to General Counsel, and it should have.

Councilman Daley states it is my opinion there isn't protocol; our rules don't require it and any member can add something to the agenda and that said this is primarily a financial agreement and it was reviewed and approved by a four vote margin with Councilwoman Bartolotta abstaining. With it not on the agenda with the Town Clerk, it wasn't on the agenda until it was added tonight and as far as cleaning up the minor language issues, references to Personnel and what not, that can be done at any time. We had a comprehensive review of the rules last year and we obviously still missed a few. As far as parity, I am glad you support it, it happens to be in violation with MERA and you can't negotiate parity with multiple bargaining units, it is illegal. The premium cost share for life is a reference to what is in effect on the employee's last day of employment. The paragraphs previously and those who were not were replaced by the new paragraph and that is the issue there. The benefits would not be retroactive, but the salary adjustment would be. These directors have been in an adverse position for a number of years where they were taking a very low CPI based adjustment where every other employee was taking a more market competitive adjustment to their salary. As far as the Cadillac Tax issue, we don't know what's going to happen with the tax; it is being discussed in Congress now; it may be amended or pushed out further. Whatever the status of the tax, we are free to take action at any time. I think it is important to show a vote of confidence to our directors and move forward with this. They deserve our support on this matter; it has been delayed because of a new Council and UPSEU negotiations were underway. They didn't want to do the two things at the same time. I am not in favor of deferring action until this can be discussed at length. I have no confidence it will be resolved with the language issues. He will do it again if there are specific points

to be addressed. He urges colleagues to support this resolution for us tonight and show your confidence for our directors. Councilman Pessina states he will support this resolution; he stands corrected that he was on Finance and Government back then. The biggest thing the city employees and directors have is trust. They trusted us when we said we would review it and they were patient and now at the 11th hour you bring out all these nuances which is written in the resolution, because they deserve it. The employees moved ahead because of the contracts and you didn't hear them hue and cry. They trusted that the Council to come up with an agreement to catch them up which they deserve. The budget is nothing more than a strong statement. They didn't sit back on their duffs. They managed and they did it during some hard times and they accepted what we asked them to do and tonight we can correct it. You deserve it and needs to be passed tonight because as Councilman Daley said the language can be corrected.

Councilwoman Salafia states she wants to point out one thing that Councilwoman Bartolotta talked about taking out the chart and for the new hires it is back in; this chart refers to back when there was an option A and B and the cost is negligible and most people took Option A of the 20 people who could make the choice and most are getting up there in age and so it would not affect them and it comes out of the pension fund. Most took A because it rolled with what the actives paid. There is no cost involved. Councilman Faulkner reluctantly he will support this because we have to resolve an issue and go up and not down. Unfortunately we have had people in the wrong positions and spots and hopes there are no more of these hidden around in the City and it is unfortunate it happened this way. If we don't correct this we have other potential issues as well. Councilman Giuliano states as Councilman Daley said it has been kicking around a long time and despite all efforts to resolve it and this might not be an appropriate solution but it is a solution and waiting a month will not resolve the issue or make it better. He understands the numbers explained by Finance and he will vote in favor of this. Councilman Nocera states he will support this and as a new member of the Council, I don't know the history as well as his fellow Council people and he knows individuals in this group. As the former Board of Education Chair, he does know individuals covered by this agreement and it was unjust what occurred and this is our opportunity to correct it and we have outstanding people in our Departments and this is the way to correct it. I don't envision waiting a month that you can resolve the contract language issues and we would only be postponing this.

Councilman Chisem states he will support this; it has been an issue around for a long time and my background is labor; I have negotiated contracts and I wouldn't want any of my members be waiting this long to get what is due to them. They deserve this as well as any labor organization. Councilwoman Bartolotta clears up a couple of things. She used parity because it was thrown at her numerous times during this as the reasoning of doing this and you were not supposed to be negotiating but that is what exactly took place. That's how you got here, that's why people have said it many times on record at Committees by saying we negotiated but they were told they should say or turned it into conversations. When it comes to taking out the insurance grid and saying no cost, then why not leave it for the employees; why not carry it through for everyone and not just employees hired after January 1, 2016. Typical contracts run for unions, I think, between three and five years. This went into effect in 2012 with CPI at 3.0, the next is 1.7, then 1.5, and in 2014 it was .8% because the rules changed. That will be brought up to 3.35% if you take the .8% and the 2.5% so it is six years at 3.35%. I don't understand the comments about waiting forever. It has been literally three years, a typical contract. It was said we needed to have the conversations because of the CPI; it was stopped because of the election cycle. She was asked to join the conversations and there was one before it was pushed to Finance and Government. I don't like the tone that you make it sound like I don't believe in the directors. Accolades the Finance Director for the AAA standing; our General Counsel I work with hand in hand for the General Counsel Commission and I have no complaints. It has nothing to do with individuals, but everything with the big picture. The comments about the rules going on for months, this was not discussed until a conversation was had and it would come back to the General Counsel Commission. This should not have become personal and it is unfortunate and her concerns are being taken out of context.

Councilman Daley doesn't want to belabor this, but I do point out this thing about the section deleted as Councilwoman Salafia stated as Payroll Manager, Option A and B and most made the selection and the grid referred to that has been stricken called for cost sharing and she reads it and believes the new grid is better, more favorable to the City. We are looking to dissect this that is counterproductive and he calls the question. The Chair states no further discussion; Councilman Serra states any Council person present or future can advocate any change relative to the personnel rules. Councilwoman Bartolotta seconds the motion. Chair states he asked Corporation Counsel if Councilman Serra could speak. He stated that since there was no second, he could have the floor. Councilwoman Bartolotta states she does second the motion. The Chair states once he began the discussion, he has the floor. It is appropriate at this time. Councilman Serra states this in actuality the Council controls this. We did it in good faith. Anyone in the Council or future Council can change the personnel rules or any part of it or little of it. We did this in good faith. The other part is to get it done and it is cost neutral. I don't want this to be like the parks bond with no planning whatsoever; now we will handle it. This is all clear. If you want to change it, legislate it.

Motion to Call the Question

Councilman Pessina moves to call the question and is seconded by Councilwoman Kleckowski. It is unanimous with eleven aye votes. Councilman Santangelo is absent from the meeting.

The chair calls for the vote on the original motion. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner,

Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

**11. Mayor's Appointments.
(Approved)**

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

APRIL 4, 2016

Middletown School Readiness

Appointment of Betsy Morgan.

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval 11. Mayor's Appointments.. Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

Before the Chair entertains a motion to adjourn, he asks for a moment of silence. Former Councilman Walter Dreaheer who served on the Council from 1979-1981 and 1985-1987.

12. Meeting adjourned.

Councilman Thomas J. Serra moves for approval adjourning the meeting. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Eugene P. Nocera, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Robert Blanchard, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilman Philip J. Pessina, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Linda Salafia; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilman Robert P. Santangelo. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

The Chair declares the meeting is adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK